

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH

ABSTRACT

Forest Department- Diversion of 100.82 ha. of forest land for opening of Srirampur Opencast Project-II at Srirampur, Indaram R.F. in Mancherial Division in favour of Singareni Collieries Co. Limited - Permission- Accorded – Orders-Issued.

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ENVIRONMENT FORESTS SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (FOR.I) DEPTT.

G.O.Ms.No. 49.

Dated:10-07-2009

Read the following:

- 1.From Prl.CCF. Lr.No. 15632/2006-F1, Dated: 26-2-2007
- 2.State Government Letter No.1861/For.I (1)/2007-1, Dated: 22-3-2007.
- 3.From GOI, Ministry of Environment & Forests, New Delhi Lr.No.8-27/2007-FC , Dated: 16-6-2009.

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**ORDER:**

In the letter 1<sup>st</sup> read above the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Hyderabad has submitted a proposal for diversion of 100.82 ha. of forest land in Indaram Reserve Forest, Mancheiral Division for opening of Srirampur Opencast Project-II at Srirampur for mining of coal in favour of M/s Singareni Collieries Company Limited and requested to send the Same to Government of India for their approval under Section –2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

2. In the letter 2<sup>nd</sup> read above, the said proposal has been forwarded to Government of India, Ministry of Environment & Forests, New Delhi for their approval under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. The Government of India in their letter 3<sup>rd</sup> read above have conveyed their approval under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of 100.82 ha of forest land in Mancherial Division for this project in favour of M/s S.C.C.L in Adilabad District, subject certain conditions.

3. Government after careful consideration, hereby accord permission to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Hyderabad for diversion of 100.82 ha. of forest land for mining of coal for Srirampur Opencast Project-II at Indaram RF, Mancherial Division in favour of M/s Singareni Collieries Company Limited subject to the following conditions:

1. Legal status of the forest land shall remain unchanged.
2. a). Compensatory Afforestation shall be raised and maintained by the State Forest Department at the project cost.  
b). Fencing, Protection and regeneration of the safety zone area (7.5 meters strip all along the outer boundary of the mining lease area as recommended by the State Government) shall be done at the project cost. Besides this, afforestation on degraded forest land, to be selected elsewhere, measuring one and a half times the area under safety zone, shall also be done at the project cost.  
c). Wherever possible and technically feasible, the User Agency shall undertake afforestation measures in the blanks within the lease area, as well as along the roads under this approval, in consultation with the State Forest Department at the project cost.  
d. The non-forest land proposed for Compensatory Afforestation should be transferred and mutated in the name of Forest Department and should be declared as Reserved Forests / Protected Forests within a period of six months.
3. Following activities shall be undertaken by the User Agency at the project cost:
  - (i) Proper mitigative measures to minimize soil erosion and choking of streams shall be prepared and implemented.
  - (ii) Planting of adequate drought hardy plant species and sowing of seeds to arrest soil erosion.

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- (iii) Construction of check dams, retention / toe walls to arrest sliding down of the excavated material along the contour.
  - (iv) The areas shall be reclaimed keeping in view the international practice of stabilizing the dumps by grading / benching so that angles of repose (normally less than 28° at any given place) are maintained.
  - (v) The top soil management plan should be strictly adhered to.
  - (vi) Any tree felling shall be done only when it is absolutely necessary and unavoidable, and that too under strict supervision of the State Forest Department.
  - (vii) De-silting of village tanks shall be taken up within 5 Km radius from the lease area.
4. The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the proposal.
  5. The User Agency shall take up Afforestation and soil moisture conservations works inside the forest area in 100m. radius from the permitted lease area in consultation with the forest department. Wherever the forest density is less than 0.4, gap plantation should be taken-up.
  6. The approval under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 is subject to the clearance under the Environmental Protection Act, 1986.
  7. The User Agency will make arrangement for free supply of coal / LPG to laborers and staff working on the project site so as to avoid any pressure on the adjacent forest areas.
  8. The period of permission for lease under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 will be for 20 years subject to possession of valid lease by User Agency under the MMDR Act, 1957.
  9. Demarcation of mining lease area will be done on the ground at project cost using four feet high reinforced cement concrete pillars with serial numbers, forward and back bearings and distance from pillar to pillar at every 20 Meters.
  10. Mining / reclamation schedule shall be implemented by the user agency at their cost as per Environmental Management Plan / phased programme.
  11. It shall be ensured that no labour camps are set up inside the forest area.
  12. All other conditions under different rules, regulations and guidelines including environmental clearance and rehabilitation of tribal and other forest dweller shall be complied with.
  13. Any other condition that the State Govt. or the Chief Conservator of Forests (Central), Regional Office, Bangalore may impose from time to time for protection and improvement of flora and fauna in the forest area, shall also be applicable.
4. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Hyderabad is requested to take further action in the matter.
- (BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

JANAKI R. KONDAPI  
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.

To  
The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Hyderabad  
The Singareni Collieries Company Limited, Hyderabad

//FORWARDED BY ORDER//

SECTION OFFICER